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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report to HYCON, Pasadena, California on 7 April 1955  
in Connection with GFE Problems on Subcontract under  
Perkin-Elmer Contract No SC-21-54

1. At the request of [redacted], Project Executive Officer, and in the company of [redacted] Security Office, the undersigned visited Hycon on the morning of 7 April 1955 to ascertain the status of GFE on hand, returned, and awaiting to be returned and GFE yet to be delivered. A meeting was held with [redacted] President, and [redacted] Project Supervising Engineer. The Hycon work is a subcontract under the P & E prime contract. 25X1 25X1 25X1

2. During the past several months a considerable amount of GFE has been requisitioned through the Agency by the subcontractor from the Air Force. Delivery has been by Air Force plane from stocks in Mobile and other depots. However it was apparent that the quantity of shipments has been larger than anticipated and that many items delivered were being returned to stock. Since the Air Force was becoming disturbed by such shipments, and return of portions of shipments, an order was issued by Project technical personnel in the Agency to discontinue any further shipments until an evaluation of the situation could be made at the subcontractor's plant. Hence the purpose of the visit.

3. [redacted] produced an up-to-date resumé of all items received, returned, on hand, and still required. It was explained that lenses received were of two makes - Bausch & Lomb and Pacific Optical. The B & L lenses weighed an appreciable amount more than the PO lenses and consequently all B&L lenses were being returned and only PO lenses shipped in. In addition, technical changes made unnecessary certain cameras, which previously were to be stripped of certain key parts, and now these cameras were to be fabricated in total and the previous cameras received were to be returned. 25X1

4. [redacted] stated that the order to stop shipping of GFE had brought their operations under the subcontract to a standstill and that they could not proceed until the GFE flow resumed again. The undersigned agreed to bring back to D.C. the resumé of the status of the GFE and bring same to the attention of the project personnel responsible for this phase. 25X1

5. The situation was brought to the attention of [redacted] on 11 April 1955 and the Hycon GFE resumé given to him. It is understood that GFE shipments will be resumed in the near future inasmuch as the reasons for the various shipments and the return of shipments is now known. 25X1 25X1

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